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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE ON NATO MANAGEMENT  
ORGANIZATION (NAMO) CHARTER

REF: C-M(2007)0062 AND ANNEX TO SG(2007)0415

11. (U) See para 3 request for guidance, due by OOB Brussels time, Wednesday June 20.

12. (U) NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer has issued SG(2007)0419 on the Strategic Airlift Capability (SAC) Initiative Adoption of the NAMO Charter, under a silence that expires Wednesday, June 20, at 1000 Brussels time. The full text of SG(2007)0419 is contained in para 4 below. C-M(2007)0062 and ANNEX to SG(2007)0415 were sent to addressees under separate e-mail.

13. (SBU) Request for guidance: The NAMO Charter is critical to the success of the SAC program. It will provide NATO ownership of three to four C-17 aircraft on behalf of participating states, Value Added Tax (VAT) exemption, facilitate U.S. export control process and end user agreement requirements. Addressees are requested to specifically advise by front channel message on whether USNATO can join consensus, (i.e. not break silence), on the SYG's Strategic Airlift Capability (SAC) Initiative Adoption of the NAMO Charter C-M(2007)0062 and the NAMO Charter in Annex SG(2007)0415.

14. (U) Text of SG(2007)0419:  
Following last week's discussion on the Strategic Airlift Capability with Ministers and subsequent meetings of NADREPs/legal experts, I am pleased to inform you that we have reached agreement on the text of a Political Declaration and Charter covering the creation of NAMO. These texts are annexed to this document which I have placed under a short silence procedure. Unless I hear to the contrary by 10:00 Hours on Wednesday, 20 June 2007, I shall assume that the documents have been formally agreed by the Council.  
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